

Aberdeen Proving Ground Guidelines for Selecting Products and Equipment

Use the following criteria when considering and reviewing new products and equipment to prevent or reduce pollution.

- No Class I ozone-depleting chemicals (ODCs)
- No Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 reportable chemicals (this information may be found on the manufacturer's material safety data sheet)
- Reduced toxicity
- Reduced or no volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Not flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive
- Closest to neutral pH
- Nonaerosol
- Contains recycled content as recommended in the Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN), with maximum postconsumer content (30% postconsumer content required for paper products by 1999)
- Reusable preferred over disposable
- Mechanical processes are preferred over chemical alternatives where appropriate (e.g., feather duster is preferred over aerosol dusting sprays)
- Energy efficient
- Water-based products
- Readily biodegradable
- Waste minimization
- Cost savings
- Worker safety/exposure
- Reduced/recycled packaging